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<u>Top Stories from the Sudanese Press – June 4, 2006</u>

Dissident SLM/A Faction in the News

- Abdelwahid group will not Disarm before a Similar Step from Janjaweed" Rai Al-Alshaab)*
- ➤ "Nur says: Those who are Expecting us to Sign the DPA in its Current Form are Cheating Themselves" (The Citizen)
- > "SPLM Darfur Mediation Attempts Fail" (Khartoum Monitor)
- ➤ "Silva Kir fails to convince Abdelwahid to come to Yei" (Al-Ayaam)*
- ➤ "Silva Kir met only with Minawi in Yei" (Al-Sahafa)*
- ➤ "SPLM Regrets that Abdelwahid Absent from Silva Kir meeting in Yei" (Al-Wahada)*
- * "After Silva Kiir's failed Meeting of with Opponents of Abuja Accord, Eritrea tries to Convince Them" (Al-Rai Al-Aam)*
- ➤ "Shareef Harir arrives in Asmara, Khalil will arrive today and Abdelwahid is on the way to meet with Aforki" (Al-Rai Al-Aam)*
- ➤ "Abdelwahid Leadership to hold Conference in Slovenia" (Al-Adwaa)
- "Slovenia requests [German] Entry Visas for Abdelwahid Group" (Sudan Vision)*

Darfur Peace Agreement Aftermath

- ➤ "AU: Time to sign the Darfur Peace Agreement is over, New Legal Document will be Prepared for Those who want to Sign" (Al-Sudani)
- ➤ "GOS criticized at Workshop to Evaluate Abuja talks" (Al-Ayaam)*
- ➤ "Presidential Decrees will be Announced to Implement Abjua Agreement" Rai Al-Alshaab)*
- ➤ "The Security Council Assessment Team will Arrive Sudan on 9th June" (The Citizen)
- ➤ "Team to Evaluate Deployment of International Forces in Darfur to Arrive on Saturday" Rai Al-Alshaab)*
- * "Arkoy Group will hold its first Public Event tonight in Omdurman" (Al-Watan)
- > "GOS prepares to Welcome Arkoy next Week in Khartoum" (Al-Khartoum)
- ➤ "Minawi Movement protests Preventing Abuja Peace Agreement Opponents to express their views" (Al-Wahada)*
- ➤ "Darfur Women-After-Peace Symposium Commences" (Khartoum Monitor)

Situation In Darfur

- ➤ "AU directed its troop to use force to protect themselves" (Alwan)
- ➤ "Arkoy Forces protest Unannounced Visits by GOS delegations to its controlled areas" (Alwan)
- ➤ "Sudan Refutes Allegations of Support to Chadian Rebels" (Sudan Vision)*
- ➤ "Annan warns the International Community against Delay in Saving Darfur" (Al-Wahada)*

News from the South

- > "UN Employee shot in Kadugli" (Khartoum Monitor)
- > "Top Heath Official Shot on Yei Bridge" (The Juba Post)
- "LRA suspected Bandits in Kura Angereb" (The Juba Post)
- "Chief warns of Humanitarian Crisis from Renewed Fighting... in Rokon" (The Juba Post)
- > "Deadly Clashes over Jonglei Disarmament" (The Juba Post)
- > "Outlaws Damage Kenyan Trucks in Southern Sudan" (Khartoum Monitor)
- "Yahmbio conference will end conflicts between nomads and farmers" Rai Al-Alshaab)*

Other Headlines

- ➤ "Eastern Sudan Front Rejects NDA Participation in Peace Talks" (Sudan Vision)*
- ➤ "At the Launching of the First Training Programme... Merowi Dam..." (Sudan Vision)*
- ➤ "Abyei Citizens stage Protest [in Khartoum] against GONU" (The Juba Post)
- "University of Juba [in Khartoum] Settles [Student] Union Dispute" (The Juba Post)
- "Ministry of Health denies Diarrhea Epidemic in South Darfur and Khartoum" (The Citizen)
- ➤ "Parliament Security Committee will Question on Tuesday the Former Interior Minister about Collapse of Ribat Building" (Al-Ayaam)*
- ➤ "At Meeting with Zoellick in Washington, DUP's Ahmed Abdalla asks USG to Monitor the Sudanese Elections due in Two Years" (Al-Sahafa)*
- ➤ "Khartoum State Constitution to be Signed Tomorrow" (Alwan)
- ➤ "Security Apparatus forms Committee to Investigate Misbehavior by its Officials at Nyala hospital" (Alwan)
- "\$US 20 million Earmarked for Printing the First Batch of the New Currency" (Al-Sudani)*
- ➤ "Al-Bashir and Silva Kir will meet with Political Parties next Week" (Al-Hayat)

Leading Commentaries

- ➤ "African Union Ultimatum to Darfur is Counter-Productive" (Editor Taban argues that, given growing opposition to DPA, Government should be pressured to offer an addendum giving additional financing and measures against Janjaweed.) (Khartoum Monitor)
- ➤ "Darfur Rebels should Turn Up to Meet Kiir in Yei" (Columnist Oduho criticizes Darfur rebel intransigence, urging that they "listen to the very many voices of reason" and consult "the silent majority of Darfur." (Sudan Vision)*
- ➤ "Waiting for Abdel Wahid" (After scathing critique of the DPA, the AU, and the government in Khartoum, editorial advises rebels to nonetheless honor SPLM effort to mediate, and to sign the DPA -- "strategically the only sensible option... at this point.") (The Citizen)
- American Lies" (Columnist criticizes Asst. Scty. Frazer's statements concerning misadventure of MFA State Minister Ali Karti at the U.S. Dept. of State where he had hoped to meet with Deputy Scty. Zoellick, but was expected by the Asst. Scty. instead.) (Al-Rai Al-Aam)*

Articles from the International Press (Hyperlinks)

(Right-click the title and choose "Open Hyperlink")

Dissident Darfur Rebels Rebuff AU Peace Accord, Call for Fresh UN Mediation

A dissident faction of the main Darfur rebel group said the African Union (AU) had failed in its efforts to broker an end to a devastating conflict in the western Sudan region and called on the United Nations to take over mediation efforts.

AFP, June 3, 2006

Demonstration in Darfur Refugee Camps Overcast Peace Deal

Most camps of refugees and internal displaced persons (IDPs) in Sudan's western region of Darfur are in a state of disarray because of continuous demonstrations against the African Union (AU)-sponsored peace deal between the government and Darfur rebel movements.

Xinhua News Agency, June 3, 2006

Wali of West Darfur State Stresses Students' Role

Wali (governor) of West Darfur State, Jaafar Abdul-Hakim Ishag, has stressed importance of the role being played by the students for realizing development and expanding the peace culture.

Sudan News Agency, June 3, 2006

Minister of Humanitarian Affairs Visits Western Darfur State

Minister of Humanitarian Affairs Kosti Manibi, heading a high-ranking delegation, arrived Thursday in Western Darfur State....

Sudan News Agency, June 2, 2006

Arab League Discusses Preparations for Darfur Conference

The 2nd Preparatory Conference on supporting and solving the Humanitarian situation in Darfur, was held in Cairo today under the chairmanship of Director of Arab African Cooperation, Ambassador Samir Hosni who is in charge of the Sudanese file at the Arab League.

Bahrain News Agency, June 3, 2006

The U.S. Role in Darfur, Sudan

What is fueling the campaign now sweeping the U.S. to "Stop Genocide in Darfur"? Campus organizations have suddenly begun organizing petitions, meetings and calls for divestment....

Workers.org, June 3, 2006

Darfur Solution: Send in the Mercenaries

So The United States has brokered a cease-fire among the warring factions in Darfur, and the U.N. Security Council has authorized the deployment of a peacekeeping force. To anyone blissfully unfamiliar with history, this sounds like a decisive step that will finally end the violence that has left at least 200,000 dead and 2 million homeless.

Los Angeles Times, May 31, 2006

Nobel Winners ask for U.N. Force in Darfur

A group of 62 Nobel Prize winners has asked world leaders to deploy a United Nations peacekeeping force in Sudan's Darfur region.

UPI, June 1, 2006

'Night for Darfur' Images Shown at U. Oregon Capture Misery of Genocide

Colorful drawings of Janjaweed militia on horseback burning huts and chasing African families lit up the screen as "Darfur Diaries" began Wednesday evening. *Oregon Daily Emerald via U-Wire, June 4, 2006*

Sudanese Press Websites:

Al-Ayaam http://www.alayaam.net
Al-Rai Al-Aam http://www.rayaam.net

Al-Sahafa http://www.alsahafa.info/news
Sudan Vision http://www.sudanvisiondaily.com
Sudan News Agency (SUNA) http://www.Suna-sd.Net

Other Websites for Sudan News:

http://usinfo.state.gov/usinfo/Archive/2005/May/12-676357.html?chanlid=washfile

http://www.state.gov

http://allafrica.com

Sudan Online http://www.sol-sd.com

<u>U.N. OCHA-IRIN</u> http://www.irinnews.org

http://www.Sudanmirror.com

Sudan Radio Service http://www.Sudanradio.org

http://Sudan.net

Sudaneseonline.com

http://www.Sudantribune.com

http://smcSudan.net

www.sudanreeves.org

Civilian Protection Monitoring Team website http://www.cpmtSudan.org

IRIN News (UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs--SUDAN page) http://www.irinnews.org/frontpage.asp?SelectRegion=East_Africa&SelectCountry=Sudannoondern

UN News Centre (SUDAN page)

http://www.un.org/apps/news/infocusRel.asp?infocusID=88&Body=Sudan&Body1

Relief Web (SUDAN page):

http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/dbc.nsf/doc108?OpenForm&emid=ACOS-636PJQ&rc=1

Alertnet (SUDAN page)

http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/emergency/246397.htm

Humanitarian Information Center for Darfur: http://www.humanitarianinfo.org/darfur/default

Al Bab: Khartoum Handbook and Diary http://www.coreSudan.com

Refugees International: http://www.refugeesinternational.org

NATO http://www.nato.int/

U.S. European Command http://www.eucom.mil/english/index.asp

Sudan Information Gateway United Nations System in the Sudan www.unsudanig.org

Association for Media Development in South Sudan www.gurtong.com